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In the Application of:

SAVERIO CARL FALCO

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Response begin on page 8 of this paper.

Attachments: Appendix A1 and Substitute Sequence Listing.